

Message

From: Paul Manafort [REDACTED]  
Sent: 6/8/2016 12:44:52 PM  
To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential

See you then.  
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On 6/8/16, 12:02 PM, "Donald Trump Jr." [REDACTED] > wrote:

>Meeting got moved to 4 tomorrow at my offices.

>Best,

>Don

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>Donald J. Trump Jr.

>Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions

>The Trump Organization

>725 Fifth Avenue | New York, NY | 10022

>[REDACTED] | [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] | trump.com

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]

>Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 11:18 AM

>To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]

>Subject: Re: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential

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>They can't do today as she hasn't landed yet from Moscow 4pm is great tomorrow.

>Best

>Rob

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>On Jun 8, 2016, at 11:15, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:

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>Yes Rob I could do that unless they wanted to do 3 today instead... just let me know and ill lock it in either way.

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]

>Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 10:34 AM

>To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]

>Subject: Re: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential

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>Good morning

>Would it be possible to move tomorrow meeting to 4pm as the Russian attorney is in court until 3 i was just informed.

>Best

>Rob

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>On Jun 7, 2016, at 18:14, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:  
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>Great. It will likely be Paul Manafort (campaign boss) my brother in law and me. 725 Fifth Ave 25th floor.  
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>Sent from my iPhone  
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>> On Jun 7, 2016, at 5:19 PM, Rob Goldstone [REDACTED] wrote:  
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>> Perfect...I won't sit in on the meeting, but will bring them at 3pm and introduce you etc.  
>> I will send the names of the two people meeting with you for security when I have them later today.  
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>> best  
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>> Rob  
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>>> On Jun 7, 2016, at 5:16 PM, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:  
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>>> How about 3 at our offices? Thanks rob appreciate you helping set it up.  
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>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>> On Jun 7, 2016, at 4:20 PM, Rob Goldstone [REDACTED] wrote:  
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>>>> Don  
>>>> Hope all is well  
>>>> Emin asked that I schedule a meeting with you and The Russian government attorney who is flying over from Moscow for this Thursday.  
>>>> I believe you are aware of the meeting - and so wondered if 3pm or later on Thursday works for you?  
>>>> I assume it would be at your office.  
>>>> Best  
>>>> Rob Goldstone  
>>>> This iPhone speaks many languages  
>>>>  
>>>>> On Jun 6, 2016, at 16:38, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Rob thanks for the help.  
>>>>> D  
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>>>>>  
>>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> On Jun 6, 2016, at 3:43 PM, Rob Goldstone [REDACTED] wrote:  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Ok he's on stage in Moscow but should be off within 20 Minutes so I  
>>>>>>> am sure can call Rob  
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>>>>>>> This iPhone speaks many languages  
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>>>>>>>> On Jun 6, 2016, at 15:38, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:  
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>>>>>>>>> My cell [REDACTED] thanks  
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>>>>>>>>>> Donald J. Trump Jr.  
>>>>>>>>>> Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions The Trump  
>>>>>>>>>> Organization  
>>>>>>>>>> 725 Fifth Avenue | New York, NY | 10022 [REDACTED]  
>>>>>>>>>> [REDACTED] | trump.com  
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>>>>>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>>>>>>>>> From: Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]  
>>>>>>>>>>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:37 PM  
>>>>>>>>>>> To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
>>>>>>>>>>> Subject: Re: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential  
>>>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>>>> Let me track him down in Moscow

>>>> What number he could call?  
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>>>> This iphone speaks many languages  
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>>>> On Jun 6, 2016, at 15:03, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:  
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>>>> Rob could we speak now?  
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>>>> Donald J. Trump Jr.  
>>>> Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions The Trump  
>>>> Organization  
>>>> 725 Fifth Avenue | New York, NY | 10022 p. [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]  
>>>> [REDACTED] | trump.com  
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>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>> From: Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]  
>>>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:40 PM  
>>>> To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
>>>> Subject: Re: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential  
>>>>  
>>>> Hi Don  
>>>> Let me know when you are free to talk with Emin by phone about this  
>>>> Hillary info - you had mentioned early this week so wanted to try  
>>>> to schedule a time and day Best to you and family Rob Goldstone  
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>>>> On Jun 3, 2016, at 10:53, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> Thanks Rob I appreciate that. I am on the road at the moment but perhaps I just speak to Emin  
>>>> first. Seems we have some time and if it's what you say I love it especially later in the summer. Could  
>>>> we do a call first thing next week when I am back?  
>>>> Best,  
>>>> Don  
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>>> On Jun 3, 2016, at 10:36 AM, Rob Goldstone [REDACTED] wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Good morning  
>>>>> Emin just called and asked me to contact you with something very interesting.  
>>>>> The Crown prosecutor of Russia met with his father Aras this morning and in their meeting offered  
>>>>> to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary  
>>>>> and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father.  
>>>>> This is obviously very high level and sensitive information but is part of Russia and its  
>>>>> government's support for Mr. Trump - helped along by Aras and Emin.  
>>>>> What do you think is the best way to handle this information and would you be able to speak to  
>>>>> Emin about it directly?  
>>>>> I can also send this info to your father via Rhona, but it is ultra sensitive so wanted to send to  
>>>>> you first.  
>>>>> Best  
>>>>> Rob Goldstone  
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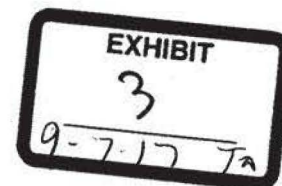
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From: Rob [REDACTED]  
Sent: 7/24/2015 1:24:41 PM  
To: Rhona Graff [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Emin  
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I totally understand re Moscow - unless maybe he would welcome a meeting with President Putin which Emin would set up  
The note I can pick up from your office when it is ready or you can maybe scan it and send to me  
Thanks so  
Much  
Rob

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On Jul 24, 2015, at 6:19 PM, Rhona Graff [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Rob:

I will certainly make Mr. Trump aware of this invitation, and I know he will be honored that Emin thought of him. However, given his presidential campaign, it's highly unlikely he would have time on his calendar to go to Moscow in November. Regardless, I am sure he will want to write a congratulatory note. When ready, where should we send it and to whose attention?

Rhona

Rhona Graff  
Senior Vice President - Assistant to the President  
725 Fifth Avenue | New York, NY | 10022  
[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]  
rgraff@trumporg.com | trump.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Rob [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 12:22 PM  
To: Rhona Graff [REDACTED]  
Subject: Emin

Rhona

I hope you are well

I am sure you are crazy busy right now

Emin has an email invite for Mr Trump to attend his father's 60th birthday in Moscow on November 8 followed by the official opening of Moscow Nobu with Robert DeNiro on November 9.

In addition, he wondered if Mr Trump might write a small message of congratulations to his father for inclusion in a celebratory book?

I can send some examples.

Best

Rob Goldstone

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**From:** Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 2/29/2016 9:53:14 AM  
**To:** Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]; Rhona Graff  
**CC:** Emin Agalarov [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Congratulatory letter to Mr. Trump from Araz Agalarov  
**Attachments:** Attachment-1.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

Good morning.

Emin's father has asked me to pass on his congratulations in a letter enclosed below for Mr. Trump on the eve of Super Tuesday vote -- offering his support and that of many of his important Russian friends and colleagues - especially with reference to U.S./Russian relations.  
Best of luck to you all and many thanks for passing on this letter.

Best

Rob

[REDACTED]

Mr. Donald Trump

Moscow, 29 February 2016

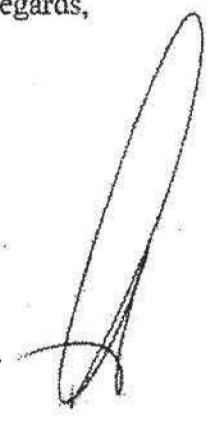
Dear Mr. Trump,

Alongside with many people in this country who appreciated your statement that U.S. and Russia should work together more closely, all of us at Crocus Group follow with great interest your bright electoral campaign.

On the eve of forthcoming Super Tuesday we would like to wish you success in winning this major ballot and further reinforcing your undisputed status as the front-runner for Republican nomination for U.S. Presidential Election.

With very best regards,

Araz Agalarov  
President  
Crocus Group



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**From:** Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 6/29/2016 10:16:07 AM  
**To:** Dan Scavino [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]; Rhona Graff [REDACTED]; Konstantin Sidorkov [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Russia's largest social media network "VK" - offers Trump Campaign message to over 2 million registered Russian American voters in the USA  
**Attachments:** donaldrump.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Good Morning

Dan, I am following up on an email a while back of something I had mentioned to Don and Paul Manafort during a meeting recently. There are believed to be around 2 million Russian American voters living in the USA - and more than 1.6 million of these use the Russian "Facebook" site V Kontakte "VK" as their preferred social media outlet.

As I mentioned to you guys, through Emin and my contact at VK, they want to create a VOTE Trump 2016 promotion aired directly at these users - people who will be voting in November. At the time, Paul had said he would welcome it and so I had the VK folks mock up a basic sample page - which I am re-sending for your approval now.

It would merely require Mr. Trump to drop in a short message to Russian American voters - or a generic message depending on your choice - and the page can be up and running very quickly.

I have copied the head of Partner Relations for VK - Konstantin Sikorkov - who is a good friend of mine and Emin's - on this email as he would oversee the promotion of the page etc.





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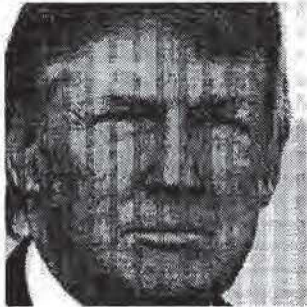
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Posts by Donald J.



Donald J. Trump  
16 May at 7:58 pm

Bernie Sanders is being treated very badly by the Dems. The system is rigged against him. He should run as an independent! Run Bernie, run.



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Donald J. Trump  
16 May at 7:57 pm

The media is really on a witch-hunt against me. False reporting, and plenty of it - but we will prevail!



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Hope it helps

Rob Goldstone

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From: Rhona Graff [REDACTED]  
Sent: 11/28/2016 4:34:09 PM  
To: Steve Bannon [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: For Mr Trump  
Attachments: 2016.11.22\_Tr.doc

Hi Steve:

The PE knows Aras well. Rob is his rep in the US and sent this on. Not sure how to proceed, if at all.

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Rhona Graff  
Senior Vice President – Assistant to the President  
[REDACTED]

From: Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 11:49 AM  
To: Rhona Graff [REDACTED]  
Subject: For Mr Trump

Hi Rhona

Aras Agalarov has asked me to pass on this document in the hope it can be passed on to the appropriate team.  
If needed, a lawyer representing the case is in New York currently and happy to meet with any member of his transition team.  
Best  
Rob

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One of the key issues banning real reset of relations between the US and Russia is the US position on the continued support of the Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012.

A terrible story of Sergei Magnitsky, false from beginning to end, lies at the heart of the law, a story the truthfulness of which no one in the USA ever cared to check. As a result the interests of a particular group of swindlers and intergovernmental relations were irresponsibly thrown into the scale.

Political short-sightedness of Obama Administration allowed the US to pass an act that marked the opening of a new Cold War with Russia, based on unverified words of fugitive William Browder, who renounced US citizenship for tax reasons and was sentenced in absentia to 9 years in prison.

The act which on the face of it aimed at preventing inflow of corrupt capital to the US, contained the never existent story of Magnitsky, "a lawyer", who allegedly uncovered corruption and misappropriation of funds from the Russian Treasury, for which he was arrested, tortured and beaten, and subsequently died in November 2009.

Russia has evidence that the story underlying the act is a lie from beginning to end.

The Act was signed by President Obama immediately after the elections in November 2012, after a powerful three-year lobbying campaign led by several financial groups (ZIFF Oh, HSBC) and politicians (Senator Cardin – the author of the act). It is known from open sources that at least one of those structures owned by ZIFF brothers was one of the main sponsors of the Democrats, including both electoral campaigns of President Obama.

And it was the interests of those corporations that Browder's team served in Russia. Through those structures Browder raised funds to buy shares of Russian strategic companies on the basis of false information and documents, then legitimizing hundreds of millions of dollars in the USA.

Reportedly, in 2006 US the structures of ZIFF brothers gained income of about \$1 bln, including 66 mln Gazprom shares received as dividends.

At the same time, investigation of open sources of US registration authorities, and the SEC, revealed no official information relating to declaring investment activities abroad (in Russian Federation) by the aforementioned US companies for the period of 1999-2007 in the form of



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granting loans and buying shares of foreign companies, as well as gaining of income and payment of relevant taxes to the US budget.

However, income wrongfully received from illicit turnover of Gazprom shares and from misappropriation of money to be paid as taxes to the Russian budget, given the unawareness of the US regulatory authorities of above proceeds, is indicative of further uncontrolled use thereof, which is an element of legitimization of income received from crime.

In this case, there may also have been violations by the specified US companies controlled by Ziff Brothers, of FCPA regulations and of other US laws.

The US Department of Justice was informed of this as well as of other circumstances in July 2016 by the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation and by the RF Ministry of Interior under US-Russia MLAT. Russian received no reaction to its MLAT request heretofore.

At the same time a number of meetings was held by representatives of Russia this summer with representatives of the Republican Party in the House of Representatives, in the course of which the latter were informed of the real circumstances preceding the passing of Magnitsky Act.

Hearings on the issue of credibility of the story underlying the 2012 Magnitsky Act were scheduled on June 14, 2016 in the subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives chaired by Mr. Dana Rohrabacher. Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya and Russian director, author of "Magnitsky Act. Behind the scenes" were to testify at the hearings. Brief statements of intent to testify were filed. Having found out the agenda of the hearings, Browder allies in the Congress urged a hearing at the Foreign Affairs Committee the same day to hold an extended discussion on the matter of "Relations with Putin's Russia", with former US Ambassador Jack Matlock (advocating airclearing between the US and Russia) and two opponents of Russia, former US ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul and political scientist Professor Leon Aron (emigrant from the USSR) invited as experts.

On August 28, 2016 extended statements under oath of Natalia Veselnitskaya, a Russian lawyer, were submitted to the House's Foreign Affairs Committee, relating to the results of her investigation into the ee Magnitsky-Browder case, with a request to conduct a Congressional investigation. This statement was a protocol extension of the statement dated June 14, 2016. However, for some unknown reason, the extended

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statement of the Russian lawyer setting out the detailed analysis and the facts of the offenses committed by Browder in Russia was excluded from the documents scheduled for hearing on June 14, 2016.

In early June of this year, some of the circumstances of the Russian investigation into Browder's activities have been brought to the attention of the management of staff. The issue of the investigation of the circumstances of passing the anti-Russian law has been postponed until the results of the election campaign.

Today, all the conditions required for improvement of relations between Russia and the US, which many of the interested persons have long sought to prevent for some personal reasons, are in place.

And one of the first major steps in this direction could be the launch of Congressional investigation into the circumstances of passing the Magnitsky Act, as well as establishment of an American-Russian group composed of investigators and prosecutors, non-governmental lawyers and analysts, to conduct a joint investigation of inter-state transnational crimes.



**The New York Times** | <https://nyti.ms/2uWPOMw>

POLITICS

# Trump Team Met With Lawyer Linked to Kremlin During Campaign

By JO BECKER, MATT APUZZO and ADAM GOLDMAN JULY 8, 2017

*Update: The Times is now reporting that Donald Trump Jr. was promised damaging information about Hillary Clinton before the meeting. Read the story.*

Two weeks after Donald J. Trump clinched the Republican presidential nomination last year, his eldest son arranged a meeting at Trump Tower in Manhattan with a Russian lawyer who has connections to the Kremlin, according to confidential government records described to The New York Times.

The previously unreported meeting was also attended by Mr. Trump's campaign chairman at the time, Paul J. Manafort, as well as the president's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, according to interviews and the documents, which were outlined by people familiar with them.

While President Trump has been dogged by revelations of undisclosed meetings between his associates and Russians, this episode at Trump Tower on June 9, 2016, is the first confirmed private meeting between a Russian national and members of Mr. Trump's inner circle during the campaign. It is also the first time that his son Donald Trump Jr. is known to have been involved in such a meeting.

Representatives of Donald Trump Jr. and Mr. Kushner confirmed the meeting after The Times approached them with information about it. In a statement, Donald Jr. described the meeting as primarily about an adoption program. The statement did not address whether the presidential campaign was discussed.

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American intelligence agencies have concluded that Russian hackers and propagandists worked to tip the election toward Mr. Trump, and a special prosecutor and congressional committees are now investigating whether his campaign associates colluded with Russians. Mr. Trump has disputed that, but the investigation has cast a shadow over his administration for months.

Mr. Trump has also equivocated on whether the Russians were solely responsible for the hacking. But in Germany on Friday, meeting President Vladimir V. Putin for the first time as president, Mr. Trump questioned him about the hacking. The Russian leader denied meddling in the election.

The Russian lawyer invited to the Trump Tower meeting, Natalia Veselnitskaya, is best known for mounting a multipronged attack against the Magnitsky Act, an American law that blacklists suspected Russian human rights abusers. The law so enraged Mr. Putin that he retaliated by halting American adoptions of Russian children.

The adoption impasse is a frequently used talking point for opponents of the Magnitsky Act. Ms. Veselnitskaya's campaign against the law has also included attempts to discredit its namesake, Sergei L. Magnitsky, a lawyer and auditor who died in mysterious circumstances in a Russian prison in 2009 after exposing one of the biggest corruption scandals during Mr. Putin's rule.

Ms. Veselnitskaya was formerly married to a former deputy transportation minister of the Moscow region, and her clients include state-owned businesses and a senior government official's son, whose company was under investigation in the United States at the time of the meeting. Her activities and associations had previously drawn the attention of the F.B.I., according to a former senior law enforcement official.

In his statement, Donald Trump Jr. said: "It was a short introductory meeting. I asked Jared and Paul to stop by. We primarily discussed a program about the adoption of Russian children that was active and popular with American families years ago and was since ended by the Russian government, but it was not a

9 campaign issue at the time and there was no follow up."

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He added: "I was asked to attend the meeting by an acquaintance, but was not told the name of the person I would be meeting with beforehand."

Late Saturday, Mark Corallo, a spokesman for the president's lawyer, issued a statement implying that the meeting was a setup. Ms. Veselnitskaya and the translator who accompanied her to the meeting "misrepresented who they were," it said.

In an interview, Mr. Corallo explained that Ms. Veselnitskaya, in her anti-Magnitsky campaign, employs a private investigator whose firm, Fusion GPS, produced an intelligence dossier that contained unproven allegations against the president. In a statement, the firm said, "Fusion GPS learned about this meeting from news reports and had no prior knowledge of it. Any claim that Fusion GPS arranged or facilitated this meeting in any way is false."

Donald Trump Jr. had denied participating in any campaign-related meetings with Russian nationals when he was interviewed by The Times in March. "Did I meet with people that were Russian? I'm sure, I'm sure I did," he said. "But none that were set up. None that I can think of at the moment. And certainly none that I was representing the campaign in any way, shape or form."

Asked at that time whether he had ever discussed government policies related to Russia, the younger Mr. Trump replied, "A hundred percent no."

The Trump Tower meeting was not disclosed to government officials until recently, when Mr. Kushner, who is also a senior White House aide, filed a revised version of a form required to obtain a security clearance. The Times reported in April that he had failed to disclose any foreign contacts, including meetings with the Russian ambassador to the United States and the head of a Russian state bank. Failure to report such contacts can result in a loss of access to classified information and even, if information is knowingly falsified or concealed, in imprisonment.

Mr. Kushner's advisers said at the time that the omissions were an error, and that he had immediately notified the F.B.I. that he would be revising the filing. They also said he had met with the Russians in his official transition capacity as a main point of contact for foreign officials.

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In a statement on Saturday, Mr. Kushner's lawyer, Jamie Gorelick, said: "He has since submitted this information, including that during the campaign and transition, he had over 100 calls or meetings with representatives of more than 20 countries, most of which were during transition. Mr. Kushner has submitted additional updates and included, out of an abundance of caution, this meeting with a Russian person, which he briefly attended at the request of his brother-in-law Donald Trump Jr. As Mr. Kushner has consistently stated, he is eager to cooperate and share what he knows."

Mr. Kushner's lawyers addressed questions about his disclosure but deferred to Donald Trump Jr. on questions about the meeting itself.

Mr. Manafort, the former campaign chairman, also recently disclosed the meeting, and Donald Trump Jr.'s role in organizing it, to congressional investigators who had questions about his foreign contacts, according to people familiar with the events.

A spokesman for Mr. Manafort declined to comment. In response to questions, Ms. Veselnitskaya said the meeting lasted about 30 minutes and focused on the Magnitsky Act and the adoption issue.

"Nothing at all was discussed about the presidential campaign," she said, adding, "I have never acted on behalf of the Russian government and have never discussed any of these matters with any representative of the Russian government."

Because Donald Trump Jr. does not serve in the administration and does not have a security clearance, he was not required to disclose his foreign contacts. Federal and congressional investigators have not publicly asked for any records that would require his disclosure of Russian contacts. It is not clear whether the Justice Department was aware of the meeting before Mr. Kushner disclosed it recently. Neither Mr. Kushner nor Mr. Manafort was required to disclose the content of the meeting in their government filings.

During the campaign, Donald Trump Jr. served as a close adviser to his father, frequently appearing at campaign events. Since the president took office, the younger Mr. Trump and his brother, who have worked for the Trump Organization

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for most of their adult lives, assumed day-to-day control of their father's real estate empire.

A quick internet search reveals Ms. Veselnitskaya as a formidable operator with a history of pushing the Kremlin's agenda. Most notable is her campaign against the Magnitsky Act, which provoked a Cold War-style, tit-for-tat row with the Kremlin when President Barack Obama signed it into law in 2012.

Under the law, some 44 Russian citizens have been put on a list that allows the United States to seize their American assets and deny them visas. The United States asserts that many of them are connected to fraud exposed by Mr. Magnitsky, who after being jailed for more than a year was found dead in his cell. A Russian human rights panel found that he had been assaulted. To critics of Mr. Putin, Mr. Magnitsky, in death, became a symbol of corruption and brutality in the Russian state.

An infuriated Mr. Putin has called the law an "outrageous act," and, in addition to banning American adoptions, compiled what became known as an "anti-Magnitsky" blacklist of United States citizens.

Among those blacklisted was Preet Bharara, then the United States attorney in Manhattan, who led high-profile convictions of Russian arms and drug dealers. Mr. Bharara was abruptly fired in March, after previously being asked to stay on by Mr. Trump.

One of Ms. Veselnitskaya's clients is Denis Katsyv, the Russian owner of a Cyprus-based investment company called Prevezon Holdings. He is the son of Petr Katsyv, the vice president of the state-owned Russian Railways and a former deputy governor of the Moscow region. In a civil forfeiture case prosecuted by Mr. Bharara's office, the Justice Department alleged that Prevezon had helped launder money tied to a \$230 million corruption scheme exposed by Mr. Magnitsky by parking it in New York real estate and bank accounts. As a result, the government froze \$14 million of its assets. Prevezon recently settled the case for \$6 million without admitting wrongdoing.

Ms. Veselnitskaya and her client hired a team of political and legal operatives that has worked unsuccessfully in Washington to repeal the Magnitsky Act. They also tried but failed to keep Mr. Magnitsky's name off a new law that takes aim at human-rights abusers across the globe.

Besides the private investigator whose firm produced the Trump dossier, the lobbying team included Rinat Akhmetshin, an émigré to the United States who once served as a Soviet military officer and who has been called a Russian political gun for hire.

Ms. Veselnitskaya was also deeply involved in the making of an anti-Magnitsky film that premiered just weeks before the Trump Tower meeting. Titled "The Magnitsky Act — Behind the Scenes," the film echoes the Kremlin line that the widely accepted version of Mr. Magnitsky's life and death is wrong. The film claims that he was not assaulted and alleges that he never testified that government officials conspired to steal \$230 million in fraudulent tax rebates.

In the film's telling, the true culprit of the fraud was William F. Browder, an American-born financier who hired Mr. Magnitsky to investigate the fraud after he had three of his investment funds companies in Russia seized. On RussiaTV5, a station whose owners are known to be close to Mr. Putin, Ms. Veselnitskaya was lauded as "one of those who gave the film crew the real proofs and records of testimony."

Mr. Browder, who stopped the screening of the film in Europe by threatening libel suits, called the film a state-sponsored smear campaign.

"She's not just some private lawyer," Mr. Browder said of Ms. Veselnitskaya. "She is a tool of the Russian government."

John O. Brennan, the former C.I.A. director, testified in May that he had been concerned last year by Russian government efforts to contact and manipulate members of Mr. Trump's campaign. "Russian intelligence agencies do not hesitate at all to use private companies and Russian persons who are unaffiliated with the Russian government to support their objectives," he said.

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The F.B.I. began a counterintelligence investigation last July into Russian contacts with any Trump associates. Agents focused on Mr. Manafort and a pair of advisers, Carter Page and Roger J. Stone.

Among those now under investigation is Michael T. Flynn, who was forced to resign as Mr. Trump's national security adviser after it became known that he had falsely denied speaking to the Russian ambassador about sanctions imposed by the Obama administration over the election hacking.

Congress later discovered that Mr. Flynn had been paid more than \$65,000 by companies linked to Russia, and that he had failed to disclose those payments when he renewed his security clearance and underwent an additional background check to join the White House staff.

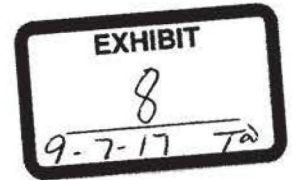
In May, the president fired the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, who days later provided information about a meeting with Mr. Trump at the White House. According to Mr. Comey, the president asked him to end the bureau's investigation into Mr. Flynn; Mr. Trump has repeatedly denied making such a request. Robert S. Mueller III, a former F.B.I. director, was then appointed as special counsel.

The status of Mr. Mueller's investigation is not clear, but he has assembled a veteran team of prosecutors and agents to dig into any possible collusion.

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Sophia Kishkovsky and Eric Lipton contributed reporting. Kitty Bennett contributed research.

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# Donald Trump Jr.'s Two Different Explanations for Russian Meeting

By LIAM STACK JULY 9, 2017

In less than 24 hours, President Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., has given two different explanations for a meeting he held during the 2016 campaign with a Kremlin-connected Russian lawyer who promised to provide damaging information about Hillary Clinton.

Mr. Trump's meeting with that lawyer, Natalia Veselnitskaya, was first reported by The New York Times on Saturday. In response, Mr. Trump said the meeting was brief and focused mostly on the issue of adoption.

This was Mr. Trump's statement to the news media on Saturday:

It was a short introductory meeting. I asked Jared and Paul to stop by. We primarily discussed a program about the adoption of Russian children that was active and popular with American families years ago and was since ended by the Russian government, but it was not a campaign issue at the time and there was no follow up.

I was asked to attend the meeting by an acquaintance, but was not told the

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The statement made reference to Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law, and Paul J. Manafort, the president's former campaign manager.

Mr. Trump's version of the meeting changed Sunday, when three advisers to the White House briefed on the meeting and two others with knowledge of it told The Times that Mr. Trump met Ms. Veselnitskaya after she promised to provide damaging information on Mrs. Clinton.

Mr. Trump acknowledged on Sunday that Ms. Veselnitskaya offered him information on Mrs. Clinton but that her statements "made no sense" and the information was not "meaningful."

This is the statement Mr. Trump gave to the news media on Sunday:

I was asked to have a meeting by an acquaintance I knew from the 2013 Miss Universe pageant with an individual who I was told might have information helpful to the campaign. I was not told her name prior to the meeting. I asked Jared and Paul to attend, but told them nothing of the substance. We had a meeting in June 2016. After pleasantries were exchanged, the woman stated that she had information that individuals connected to Russia were funding the Democratic National Committee and supporting Ms. Clinton. Her statements were vague, ambiguous and made no sense. No details or supporting information was provided or even offered. It quickly became clear that she had no meaningful information. She then changed subjects and began discussing the adoption of Russian children and mentioned the Magnitsky Act. It became clear to me that this was the true agenda all along and that the claims of potentially helpful information were a pretext for the meeting. I interrupted and advised her that my father was not an elected official, but rather a private citizen, and that her comments and concerns were better addressed if and when he held public office. The meeting lasted approximately 20 to 30 minutes. As it ended, my acquaintance apologized for taking up our time. That was the end of it and there was no further contact or follow-up of any kind. My father knew nothing of the meeting or these events.

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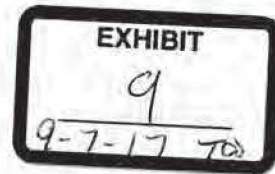
An earlier version of this article misquoted a statement by Donald Trump Jr. about a meeting with a Russian lawyer. He said the meeting mostly focused on the topic of

adoption, which “was not a campaign issue.” He did not say it was a campaign issue.

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To everyone, in order to be totally transparent, I am releasing the entire email chain of my emails with Rob Goldstone about the meeting on June 9, 2016. The first email on June 3, 2016 was from Rob, who was relating a request from Emin, a person I knew from the 2013 Ms. Universe Pageant near Moscow. Emin and his father have a very highly respected company in Moscow. The information they suggested they had about Hillary Clinton I thought was Political Opposition Research. I first wanted to just have a phone call but when that didn't work out, they said the woman would be in New York and asked if I would meet. I decided to take the meeting. The woman, as she has said publicly, was not a government official. And, as we have said, she had no information to provide and wanted to talk about adoption policy and the Magnitsky Act. To put this in context, this occurred before the current Russian fever was in vogue. As Rob Goldstone said just today in the press, the entire meeting was "the most inane nonsense I ever heard. And I was actually agitated by it."

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Message

From: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
Sent: 6/8/2016 12:02:35 PM  
To: Jared Kushner [REDACTED]; Paul Manafort [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential

Meeting got moved to 4 tomorrow at my offices.  
Best,  
Don

Donald J. Trump Jr.  
Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions  
The Trump Organization  
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 11:18 AM  
To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential

They can't do today as she hasn't landed yet from Moscow 4pm is great tomorrow.  
Best  
Rob

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On Jun 8, 2016, at 11:15, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:

Yes Rob I could do that unless they wanted to do 3 today instead... just let me know and ill lock it in either way.  
d

Donald J. Trump Jr.  
Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions The Trump Organization  
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 10:34 AM  
To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential

Good morning  
would it be possible to move tomorrow meeting to 4pm as the Russian attorney is in court until 3 i was just informed.  
Best  
Rob

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On Jun 7, 2016, at 18:14, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:

Great. It will likely be Paul Manafort (campaign boss) my brother in law and me. 725 Fifth Ave 25th floor.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 7, 2016, at 5:19 PM, Rob Goldstone <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>  
> Perfect...I won't sit in on the meeting, but will bring them at 3pm and introduce you etc.  
> I will send the names of the two people meeting with you for security when I have them later today.  
>  
> best

>  
> Rob

>> On Jun 7, 2016, at 5:16 PM, Donald Trump Jr. <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>  
>> How about 3 at our offices? Thanks rob appreciate you helping set it up.  
>> D

>>  
>> sent from my iPhone

>>> On Jun 7, 2016, at 4:20 PM, Rob Goldstone <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>>  
>>> Don  
>>> Hope all is well  
>>> Emin asked that I schedule a meeting with you and The Russian government attorney who is flying over from Moscow for this Thursday.  
>>> I believe you are aware of the meeting - and so wondered if 3pm or later on Thursday works for you?  
>>> I assume it would be at your office.  
>>> Best  
>>> Rob Goldstone  
>>> This iphone speaks many languages

>>> On Jun 6, 2016, at 16:38, Donald Trump Jr. <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>>  
>>> Rob thanks for the help.  
>>> D

>>>  
>>> Sent from my iPhone

>>>> On Jun 6, 2016, at 3:43 PM, Rob Goldstone <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>>>  
>>>> Ok he's on stage in Moscow but should be off within 20 Minutes so I  
>>>> am sure can call Rob  
>>>>

>>>> This iphone speaks many languages

>>>> On Jun 6, 2016, at 15:38, Donald Trump Jr. <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>>>  
>>>> My cell [REDACTED] thanks  
>>>> d

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>>>>  
>>>> Donald J. Trump Jr.  
>>>> Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions The Trump  
>>>> Organization

>>>> [REDACTED]

>>>>  
>>>>  
>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>> From: Rob Goldstone <[REDACTED]>  
>>>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:37 PM  
>>>> To: Donald Trump Jr. <[REDACTED]>  
>>>> Subject: Re: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential

>>>>  
>>>> Let me track him down in Moscow  
>>>> What number he could call?

>>>>  
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>>>>  
>>>> On Jun 6, 2016, at 15:03, Donald Trump Jr. <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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>>>>  
>>>> Rob could we speak now?  
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>>>>  
>>>> Donald J. Trump Jr.  
>>>> Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions The Trump  
>>>> Organization  
>>>> [REDACTED]  
>>>>  
>>>>  
>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>> From: Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]  
>>>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:40 PM  
>>>> To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
>>>> Subject: Re: Russia - Clinton - private and confidential  
>>>>  
>>>> Hi Don  
>>>> Let me know when you are free to talk with Emin by phone about this  
>>>> Hillary info - you had mentioned early this week so wanted to try  
>>>> to schedule a time and day Best to you and family Rob Goldstone  
>>>>  
>>>> This iphone speaks many languages  
>>>>  
>>>> On Jun 3, 2016, at 10:53, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> Thanks Rob I appreciate that. I am on the road at the moment but perhaps I just speak to Emin first.  
>>>> Seems we have some time and if it's what you say I love it especially later in the summer. Could we do a  
>>>> call first thing next week when I am back?  
>>>> Best,  
>>>> Don  
>>>>  
>>>>  
>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>>  
>>>>> On Jun 3, 2016, at 10:36 AM, Rob Goldstone [REDACTED] wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Good morning  
>>>>> Emin just called and asked me to contact you with something very interesting.  
>>>>> The Crown prosecutor of Russia met with his father Aras this morning and in their meeting offered  
>>>>> to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary  
>>>>> and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father.  
>>>>> This is obviously very high level and sensitive information but is part of Russia and its  
>>>>> government's support for Mr. Trump - helped along by Aras and Emin.  
>>>>> What do you think is the best way to handle this information and would you be able to speak to Emin  
>>>>> about it directly?  
>>>>> I can also send this info to your father via Rhona, but it is ultra sensitive so wanted to send to  
>>>>> you first.  
>>>>> Best  
>>>>> Rob Goldstone  
>>>>>  
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## Message

From: Jan Jones [REDACTED]  
Sent: 4/26/2017 1:44:43 PM  
To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Sicily During G7?

It doesn't have to be these dates. Glad this could be an option. I will investigate future dates for Europe.

Best,

Jan

> On Apr 26, 2017, at 10:42 AM, Donald Trump Jr. <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>  
> That could be interesting way to do something for the future but since this revolves around the G7 I think its prudent to pass this time.

> d

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jan Jones [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11:09 AM  
> To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Re: Sicily During G7?

>

> Hi Don,

>

> Fabien would like to offer an alternative to CPFA. There is an entity called "Purple Initiative" made up of high-level European businessmen where they discuss economic topics. It has nothing to do with foreign policy.

>

> Would this be of interest?

>

> Best,

>

> Jan

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>> On Apr 26, 2017, at 7:49 AM, Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED] wrote:

>>

>> Also I can do Europe just have to be careful with the individual I am doing it for.

>> Best,

>> Don

>>

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Jan Jones [REDACTED]  
>> Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:58 AM  
>> To: Donald Trump Jr. [REDACTED]  
>> Subject: Re: Sicily During G7?

>>

>> Hi Kara,

>>

>> Would you please check with Don if he would be interested in doing an even with Fabien during the G7 in Sicily?

>>

>> I need to make some changes to arrangements today if he would do it. If not, please let me know when he would be ready to do something in Europe.

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>> Thank you,

>>

>> Jan

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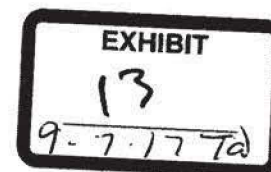
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>> [REDACTED]  
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>>  
>>> On Apr 23, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Jan Jones [REDACTED] wrote:  
>>>  
>>> Hi Don,  
>>>  
>>> How are you? We had a lovely evening with Jessica and Meredith on Thursday. Dinner was at Pepolino.  
>>>  
>>> Are you up for doing something during the G7 in Sicily with Fabien? We were thinking that with the G7 taking place that could be the "cover" if we need it. Fabien understands all the background that would need to go into preparation and making sure there is no blowback in any way on you. No photos, no media, everything discreet.  
>>>  
>>> He is very keen to host you so please let me know if it would be a "go". There would be a lot of pre-planning so please let me know as soon as you can.  
>>>  
>>> All the best,  
>>>  
>>> Jan  
>>>  
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>>> [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Dan Scavino [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 1/19/2016 1:03:18 PM  
**To:** Rob Goldstone [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Rhona Graff [REDACTED]; Donald Trump Jr.  
**Subject:** Re: Donald Trump on VK ( Russia's most widely used social media site - their Facebook  
**Flag:** Follow up

Hi Rob!

Please feel free to send me whatever you have on this system! I will share it with the team - as we are currently on the campaign trail right now. Thank you so much - for looking out for Mr. Trump & his presidential campaign. This is great!

Best, Dan



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On Jan 19, 2016, at 12:00 PM, Rob Goldstone <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks Rhona  
Happy to help  
And will wait to hear from Dan

Also Emin will be in NYC end of January and I am sure would love to stop by so will check dates nearer the time as I know you guys are swamped

Best  
Rob

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On Jan 19, 2016, at 12:06 PM, Rhona Graff <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Robert:

It's nice to hear from you, and a belated Happy New Year!

Thank you for bringing this terrific opportunity to our attention . I've copied Dan Scavino, who heads up social media for the campaign, and I am sure he will be in touch with you to help "connect the dots."

Best wishes,

Rhona

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**Rhona Graff**  
Senior Vice President – Assistant to the President

**From:** Robert Goldstone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 6:20 AM  
**To:** Donald Trump Jr. <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Rhona Graff <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Donald Trump on VK ( Russia's most widely used social media site - their Facebook

Good morning

I hope you are well and congratulations on an outstanding job so far re the campaign. With this in mind, I was just in Moscow and met with a good friend who runs the marketing for VK - which is the largest social media platform in Russia. They have more than 2.7 million Russian Americans using the site ( living in the USA) and had an idea to create a campaign page on VK for Mr. Trump and market it to the almost 3 million influential Russian American voters living in the USA. I thought it was a very interesting and sensible idea and so wanted to pass it along. I am not sure who handles this kind of thing for the campaign so I hope you don't mind I sent it directly to you both. I can get massive exposure for Mr. Trump on the site for sure - and it will be covered in Russian media also - - where I noticed your campaign is covered positively almost daily - which extremely gracious comments from President Putin etc.

Please let me know if the campaign is interested and I will connect the dots.

Best

Rob

Robert Goldstone  
President  
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**From:** Konstantin Sidorkov [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Donald Trump on VK  
**Date:** January 18, 2016 at 12:48:06 PM EST  
**To:** Rob Goldstone <[REDACTED]>, Rob Goldstone <[REDACTED]>

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## TRUMP JR. ACQUAINTANCE ROB GOLDSTONE USED FACEBOOK TO PLACE HIMSELF AT SCENE OF TRUMP TOWER MEETING WITH RUSSIAN LAWYER

BY GRAHAM LANKTREE ON 7/11/17 AT 6:05 AM



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RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

*Updated* | British music publicist Rob Goldstone used Facebook to digitally "check in" at Trump Tower on the day of a meeting he brokered between Donald Trump Jr. and a Kremlin-connected lawyer. Goldstone had promised the Russian government would help the Trump campaign with damaging information about rival candidate Hillary Clinton.

In an email Goldstone sent to Trump Jr. before the meeting he described the information about Clinton was part of a Russian government plan to help U.S. President Donald Trump's election bid, according to three sources familiar with the email who spoke to The New York Times Monday. Each described the email's contents.

The meeting was on June 9, 2016—two weeks after U.S. President Donald Trump won the Republican nomination to run for president. Goldstone's Facebook feed shows that at 3:57 pm he checked in to Trump Tower, notifying his Facebook friends of his location. Another post earlier that day places him in New York. Ten days earlier Goldstone was in Moscow at the end of a nine day trip to Russia.

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Music publicist Rob Goldstone (L) is seen with his client Russian pop star and real estate mogul Emin Agalarov and U.S. President Donald Trump in an undated photo.

**ROB GOLDSTONE/FACEBOOK**

In a statement Sunday Trump Jr. did not name Goldstone but said that an "acquaintance" set up the meeting with promises of "information helpful" to his father's campaign. Trump Jr. said he did not know who he was meeting with but ended up speaking with Kremlin-connected



Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya who pressed him to help reverse a set of U.S. sanctions against Russia. [SIGN IN](#) [SUBSCRIBE](#) 



**Music publicist Rob Goldstone places himself at Trump Tower Jun 9, 2016, during meeting between Donald Trump Jr. and a Kremlin-connected lawyer.**

#### **ROB GOLDSTONE/FACEBOOK**

The meeting was also attended by President Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner and Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

Veselnitskaya has a past of lobbying for Russian state interests and working on behalf of wealthy Russians connected to the state.

Goldstone identified himself as the "acquaintance" who brokered the meeting to The Washington Post last Sunday. He placed himself in the meeting room at Trump Tower.

But questions remain about how Goldstone—a music publicist who has worked for Michael Jackson, Cyndi Lauper, U2, and Richard Branson—knows Donald Trump Jr. and how he

name to be at the center of the American government's investigation into Russia's efforts to sway the election in favor of Trump.

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In his statement about the meeting with Veselnitskaya, Trump Jr. said he knew Goldstone "from the 2013 Miss Universe pageant" in Moscow, which was then owned by his father, President Donald Trump.

Goldstone is connected to the pageant and represents Russian pop singer and real estate magnate Emin Agalarov, who hobnobbed with Donald Trump at the 2013 Moscow Miss Universe event with his father Aras Agalarov—a Russian luxury real estate developer and businessman estimated to be worth \$1.9 billion.


Goldstone said in a statement to NBC News late Monday that he was asked by Emin Agalarov "to help facilitate" the meeting.

Agalarov's father was given the Order of Honor of the Russian Federation the same year by President Vladimir Putin and claims he and Trump planned to build a Trump Tower in Russia. Agalarov's family is close to Putin and his father Aras Agalarov set up a meeting between Donald Trump and Putin's former economy minister, Herman Gref, now CEO of Russia's state-controlled Sberbank PJSC while Trump was in Moscow.

Goldstone was also at the pageant and is seen in Russian news footage beside Emin Agalarov and Trump. Trump also appeared in Agalarov's 2013 music video for his song "In Another Life" which Goldstone says was his idea.

Goldstone is a jet-setting publicist and frequently flies between New York City, London, and Moscow, and places further afield like Azerbaijan, Thailand, and Brazil. He founded his publicity company with a partner in 1998. He was back in Russia again near the end of July 2016 to promote a performance by Emin Agalarov in front of St. Petersburg's Hermitage Palace for a PBS special.

"Emin, I can't believe you're turning 35. You're getting older all the time. But you're a winner, you're a champ, you're great at real estate, and boy can you entertain," Trump said in a video Birthday message to Agalarov in 2014 after the two met in Russia. Goldstone posted this video to his Facebook page on November 11 after Trump won the 2016 U.S. election November 9 with a reply message from Agalarov to Trump.

"Congratulations, you did it. I never doubted you for one second. You're an absolute winner. you proved everybody wrong," Agalarov says in the video. SIGN IN SUBSCRIBE 





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Music publicist Rob Goldstone posted a photo of himself on Instagram wearing a "Russia" shirt the day after the November 6 U.S. election.

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#### ROB GOLDSTONE/INSTAGRAM

After learning that Trump won, Goldstone posted an undated photo of himself eating with Trump and Agalarov with the caption "The A Team - headed to the White House!"

On his Instagram feed the day after the election Goldstone also posted a photo of himself wearing a t-shirt that simply says "Russia."

*Correction: This article originally stated that Goldstone took a photo of Donald Trump standing with Australian TV presenter Karl Schmid the night of his election win in 2016. The photo was from the Miss Universe pageant in Moscow in 2013.*

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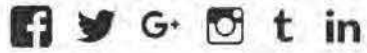
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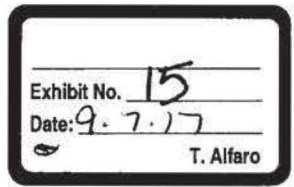
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**STATEMENT OF DONALD J. TRUMP JR.**

**September 7, 2017**

I welcome the opportunity to share this prepared statement in an effort to set forth the sum and substance of what I know regarding a meeting I attended on June 9, 2016. I am thankful for the opportunity to meet with you today and look forward to answering all of your questions. As will become clear, I did not collude with any foreign government and do not know of anyone who did.

From 2002 to 2015, the Trump Organization and NBC Universal were co-owners of the Miss Universe pageant. Over the years, the pageant has been held in countries around the world, including Cyprus, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Thailand, Mexico, Bahamas, Vietnam and Brazil. On November 9, 2013, the pageant was held at the Crocus City Hall, a concert venue in Moscow, Russia, owned by real estate developer Aras Agalarov. Though I did not attend the Miss Universe pageant, I have been to Russia on a few occasions, most recently in 2011.

Following the pageant, the Trump Organization and Mr. Agalarov's company, Crocus Group, began preliminarily discussing potential real estate projects in Moscow. This was not the first time the Trump Organization had explored potential real estate deals in Russia. As a global real estate and hotel company, with projects currently in Canada, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Panama, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and elsewhere, prior to the election, the Trump Organization was looking to expand into new international markets – just like its competitors. Ultimately, however, the company was not able to find a suitable project and has not consummated any real estate deals or made other investments in Russia.

Sometime after the pageant, the Trump Organization invited Mr. Agalarov's son, Emin, a successful pop singer, to perform at the WGC-Cadillac Championship golf tournament, which was being held in March 2014 at the Trump National Golf Course in Doral, Florida. As I was not in attendance at the Miss Universe pageant in Moscow, this was the first time I recall meeting Emin and his manager, Robert Goldstone, in person.

On June 16, 2015, my father announced his intention to run for President of the United States. Over the next year and a half, my father campaigned tirelessly, traveling all across the country in an effort to convey his vision for the country to the American people. Though I had no prior experience in politics, my father's message to the country inspired me, as it did millions of others. From the moment he announced his candidacy, my siblings and I worked day in and day

out to support our father. I had never worked on a campaign before and it was an exhausting, all-encompassing, life-changing experience. Every single day I fielded dozens, if not hundreds, of emails and phone calls. Because my father started off as the underdog, we had a very modest staff and were forced to learn as we went along. Every day presented numerous challenges and required my attention to many different issues.

The Republican primaries began on February 1, 2016 with the Iowa caucuses. Although my father did not win Iowa, over the next several months he was fortunate to prevail in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Nevada, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts and many other states. Nevertheless, as of June 2016, it was still uncertain whether my father would receive the nomination for President at the Republican National Convention in mid-July. Despite overwhelming support from the American people, it was widely reported that some within the party were attempting to undermine the process in an effort to force a contested convention. While this was going on, we were also in the process of replacing our campaign manager. It was an extraordinarily intense period of time.

In the midst of this maelstrom, on the morning of June 3, 2016, I received an email from Rob Goldstone. Although I had not seen him in quite some time, Rob would intermittently contact me. For example, when Emin would perform in the New York area, Rob would graciously invite me to attend. Similarly, after my father announced his candidacy, Rob was among the many individuals who would reach out from time to time to congratulate us on winning a primary or to show their support.

In his email to me Rob suggested that someone had “official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary [Clinton] and her dealings with Russia” and that the information would be “very useful” to the campaign. I was somewhat skeptical of his outreach, as I had only known Rob as Emin’s somewhat colorful music promoter who had worked with famous pop singers such as Michael Jackson. Since I had no additional information to validate what Rob was saying, I did not quite know what to make of his email. I had no way to gauge the reliability, credibility or accuracy of any of the things he was saying. As it later turned out, my skepticism was justified. The meeting provided no meaningful information and turned out not to be about what had been represented. The meeting was instead primarily focused on Russian adoptions, which is exactly what I said over a year later in my statement of July 8, 2017.

Nonetheless, at the time, I thought I should listen to what Rob and his colleagues had to say. To the extent they had information concerning the fitness, character or qualifications of a presidential candidate, I believed that I should at least hear them out. Depending on what, if any, information they had, I could then consult with counsel to make an informed decision as to whether to give it further consideration. I also note that at this time there was not the focus on Russian activities that there is today.

In responding to Rob's email, I wrote back and suggested that "perhaps I just speak to Emin first." As much as some have made of my using the phrase "I love it", it was simply a colloquial way of saying that I appreciated Rob's gesture. Three days later, on June 6<sup>th</sup>, Rob contacted me again about scheduling a time for a call with Emin. My phone records show three very short phone calls between Emin and me between June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. I do not recall speaking to Emin. It is possible that we left each other voice mail messages. I simply do not remember.

The next day, June 7<sup>th</sup>, I received a follow-up email from Rob inquiring about dates and times for a meeting. In one of the emails, Rob mentioned that "two people" would be attending, one of whom was a lawyer. I later learned from Rob that the lawyer was already scheduled to be in court in New York on June 9<sup>th</sup>. I have also seen press reports that she was on Capitol Hill and attended a congressional hearing on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

While Rob said he would send me the names of the attendees for the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, he never did. As a result, I had no advance knowledge of who would attend. I told Rob that Jared Kushner and our newly hired campaign manager, Paul Manafort, would likely also attend. I then asked Jared and Paul if they could attend, but told them none of the substance or who was going to be there, since I did not know myself. Because we were in the same building, Paul, Jared and I would routinely invite one another to attend meetings on a moment's notice.

June 9<sup>th</sup> was like every other day during the campaign: chaotic. In addition to the campaign, we still had a company to run. Because my father was solely focused on fulfilling his promise to the American people, responsibility for the company fell squarely on the shoulders of my siblings and me. Accordingly, I spent June 9<sup>th</sup> in and out of a series of campaign and business related meetings and interviews. The meeting which Rob asked for was on my calendar at 4 pm, marked simply as "Meeting: Don Jr. / Jared Kushner."

As I recall, at or around 4 pm, Rob Goldstone came up to our offices and entered our conference room with a lawyer who I now know to be Natalia Veselnitskaya. Joining them was a



translator and a man who was introduced to me as Irakli Kaveladze. After a few minutes, Jared and Paul joined. While numerous press outlets have reported that there were a total of eight people present at the meeting, I only recall seven. Because Rob was able to bring the entire group up by only giving his name to the security guard in the lobby, I had no advance warning regarding who or how many people would be attending. There is no attendance log to refer back to and I did not take notes.

After perfunctory greetings, the lawyer began telling the group very generally something about individuals connected to Russia supporting or funding Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton or the Democratic National Committee. It was quite difficult for me to understand what she was saying or why. Given our busy schedules, we politely asked if she could be more specific and provide more clarity about her objective for the meeting. At that point, Ms. Veselnitskaya pivoted and began talking about the adoption of Russian children by U.S. citizens and something called the Magnitsky Act.

Until that day, I had never heard of the Magnitsky Act and had no familiarity with this issue. It was clear to me that her real purpose in asking for the meeting all along was to discuss Russian adoptions and the Magnitsky Act. At this point, Jared excused himself from the meeting to take a phone call. I proceeded to quickly and politely end the meeting by telling Ms. Veselnitskaya that because my father was a private citizen there did not seem to be any point to having this discussion. She thanked us for our time and everyone left the conference room. As we walked out, I recall Rob coming over to me to apologize. I have no recollection of any documents being offered or left for us. The meeting lasted 20-30 minutes and Rob, Emin and I never discussed the meeting again. I do not recall ever discussing it with Jared, Paul or anyone else. In short, I gave it no further thought.

As is clear from the above, I did not collude with any foreign government and do not know of anyone who did. I am grateful for the opportunity to help resolve any lingering concerns that may exist regarding these events. I am very proud of the campaign my father ran and was honored to be a part of it.